Become a Diplomatic Historian - Reveal the History of the U.S. Presence in Southeast Asia



Project Title	Become a Diplomatic Historian - Reveal the History of the U.S. Presence in Southeast Asia
Project Summary	Seeking a diplomatic historian to help document and craft a narrative surrounding the nearly two-century American presence in the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Illuminate the long history of the U.S. presence in Southeast Asia and help deepen our relationship with Indonesia.
Country	Indonesia

Project Description

Consulate Medan is seeking a motivated, detail-oriented student of history to illuminate the story of the American presence on the island of Sumatra, the fourth-largest island in the world key to regional stability and America's long-term interests in Southeast Asia. The history of the U.S. presence is a tale not yet told, and you can help change that.

The Virtual Student Foreign Service intern will help the U.S. Consulate for Sumatra, based in Medan - Indonesia's third largest city - uncover the history of the America's involvement in Sumatra, from the early 19th century until today. Americans have long come to Sumatra - first for economic interests, and now as part of our deepening and strategic partnership with the government and people of Indonesia, and we hope to use the information gathered by the intern to craft a narrative of America's historic and depending commitment to the people and cultures of northwest Indonesia.

Consulate Medan staff will work closely with the intern to share the information we have already gathered, but we hope the intern will be self-starting and research-focused, able to contact scholars and research academic sources on their own, to produce the following products for the Consulate:

- 1. A written history of the American diplomatic presence in Sumatra that can be shared internally in the U.S. government and externally with U.S. government contacts.
- 2. A brief oral history of recent U.S. engagement in Sumatra since the founding of the Republic of Indonesia.
- 3. A social media campaign using photos, videos, and interviews, to highlight America's long-term presence and commitment to Sumatra.
- 4. Other materials of interest to the intern that can help further their own academic efforts.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Research
Storytelling/blogging/vlogging
Writing

Additional Information

For more information about U.S. Consulate Medan and the U.S. Mission to Indonesia please visit this website: https://id.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/medan/

Language Requirements

Language Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency Importance

Indonesian Elementary proficiency Limited working proficiency Nice to Have